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BOOKS FOR TODAY'S WORLD

A reading list compiled for Montana Home Demonstration Club  
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This list is meant to give you some idea of the many kinds of books that are available to you from the Extension Commission or from an adequately supported local library. It is suggestive only and may point the way to other topics which you can read about in "library books". We have books on many subjects that are not even touched on in this list and a good local library should have such books, too. Moreover, for each of the subjects we mention, there are many excellent books in addition to the ones we have listed here.

If you have no local library, you can borrow these books directly from us. If you have a local library but it does not have the books you want, you can borrow them from us through your own library. But unfortunately our book collection is not nearly as large as it should be to serve our big state. Because of our limited budget we have usually purchased but one copy of each book. Therefore you will get faster service if you suggest that we substitute another book should the one you ask for be in circulation. Frequently it is more satisfactory to ask for books by subject.

UNDERSTANDING YOURSELVES

Understanding Fear In Ourselves And Others, by B. W. Overstreet, (Harper 1951 \$3.00) About unconscious fears that are caused by emotional insecurity.

Why You Do What You Do, by R. N. Linscott and J. N. Stein, (Random 1956 \$3.95)  
A practical guide to self-understanding.

Maybe you know someone who has a personal problem such as a tendency to worry too much. If so, we or your local librarian may be able to find a book that will help solve it. Library books cannot take the place of medical advice in solving deep-seated psychological problems. However, they can often help with everyday ones.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR FAMILY

Family Of Tomorrow, by C. C. Zimmerman, (Harper 1949) Historical discussion of the difficulties facing the family of today.

If You Adopt A Child, by Carl Doss, (Holt 1957 \$4.95) Comprehensive advice on adoption.

Understanding Your Family, by Alexander Grinstein, (Random 1947 \$3.95)  
Advice on solving family difficulties in the interest of smoother family adjustments.

When asking for a general book on the family or family relationships, tell us whether your point of view is the practical one of wife and mother or that of the leader of a discussion group. If you are interested in some special phase of the subject, be sure to mention it.

## HELPING YOUR CHILDREN GROW UP

Babe in a House, by M.S. Smart, (Scribner 1950 \$3.50) How to prepare for the birth of a child and how to take care of the baby,

Jealous Child, by Edward Podolsky, (Philosophical library 1954) Causes of jealousy in children are discussed and ways of overcoming jealousy are suggested.

Parents Guide to Everyday Problems of Boys and Girls, by S. M. Gruenberg (Random 1958 \$4.95) Deals with children from five to twelve,

Sex Facts and Attitudes, by M. O. Lerrigo and others, (Dutton 1955 \$2.00) Discussion of sex education of children and young people,

Teaching Your Child to Talk, by Charles Van Riper, (Harper 1950) How to help your child with his speech development,

Your Adolescent at Home and in School, by M. H. and L. K. Frank, (Viking 1956 \$3.95) Advice for parents and teachers on physical development, social life, family relations and education of the adolescent,

There are many general books on child guidance, some with chapters on special problems. There are also separate books on special phases of child guidance. If you ask for a book on child guidance be sure to mention whether you are interested in some special problem and also the age level of the child.

## SELF-HELPS FOR YOUR ADOLESCENT SON AND DAUGHTER

The Art of Dating, by F. M. Duvall and J. D. Johnson, (Association press 1958 \$2.50) Addressed to both boys and girls,

Getting the Most Out of High School, by J.I.E. Scott, (Oceana 1957 \$2.50) How to study effectively, get along with teachers and fellow students, take part in extra-curricular activities, prepare for college, plan for a job, and take on the responsibilities of citizenship,

Learning About Love; Sound facts and healthy attitude towards sex and marriage, by M. O. Lerrigo and others, (Dutton 1956 \$3.00) For young people ages 16 to 20.

Mind Your Manners, by Betty Allen and M. P. Briggs, (Lippincott 1957 \$3.50) Etiquette for teenagers.

## THE KNOW-HOW OF RUNNING A HOUSEHOLD

Managing Your Money, by J. K. Lessner, (Holt 1953) Handy home adviser on money problems.

Management in the Home, by L. M. Gilbreth and others, (Dodd 1954 \$4.00) Happier living through planning of time and energy.

## YOU AND YOUR DAUGHTER AS HOME MAKERS

Game is Good Eating, by John Willard, (State Pub. Company, Helena 1958 \$3.25)  
Advice on preparing wild game, fish and birds by a Montanan,

How to Decorate and Light Your Home, by E. W. Comery, (Coward-McCann 1955 \$6.75) Considers lighting needs in relation to the use of color and arrangement of furniture.

Sew Far, Sew Good, by Peggy Hoffman, (Dutton 1958 \$3.50) For the teen-ager.

Slenderella Cook Book, by Myra Waldo, (Putnam 1957 \$4.95) Low-calorie menus with suggestions for adding food elements needed by children and non-dieting members of the family.

Singer Sewing Book, by M. B. Picken, (McGraw 1953 \$3.95) Excellent practical advice,

When you want a book on some very specific subject, be as explanatory as possible. For instance if you want something on camp cookery don't just ask for a cook book. If you do we may choose a book that has nothing in it on camp cookery.

## YOUR HUSBAND AND SON AS HOME FIXERS

Boys Book of Tools, by R. F. Yates, (Harper 1957 \$2.50) Guide to basic tools used in home or school workshop,

Do It Yourself Guide to Successful Home Painting and Decorating, by The Devco Home Decoration Institute (Simon 1954 \$3.00)

Fix-it Yourself, by A. C. Lang, (Bobbs 1955 \$2.75) Simple directions for 100 household maintenance and repair jobs.

How to Remodel Your Home, by American Builder, (Simmons-Boardman 1958 \$2.75)  
For the homeowner who plans to remodel his home himself, or to have custom-builders or contractors remodel it for him.

## IS YOUR HUSBAND'S BUSINESS FARMING OR RANCHING?

Farmer In a Business Suit, by J. H. Davis and Kenneth Henshaw, (Simon 1957 \$3.50)  
Traces progress of American farming and considers present-day agriculture problems.

Practical Electric Wiring, by H. P. Richter, (McGraw 1957 \$6.75) Residential wiring as well as farm,

Veterinary Handbook For Cattleman, by J. W. Bailey, (Webb Pub. Company 1952)

## YOU AND YOUR HUSBAND ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

How Good is Your School?, by W. A. Yauch, (Harper 1951) Explains changes in methods of teaching, grading, discipline and developing child's potentialities.

How To Get Better Schools, by David Dreiman, (Harper 1956 \$3.50) Experience of the National Citizens' Committee.

#### YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR FAMILY'S HEALTH

Handicapped Child, by E. M. Stern, (Wyn 1950) Specific recommendations for parents of handicapped children. Includes blindness, deafness, cerebral palsy and other handicaps.

Journey Together, by Turnley Walker, (McKay 1951) Experience of a polio victim in getting back into everyday living helped by his wife and their two children.

The Menopause, by Lena Levine and Beka Doherty, (Random 1952) Forthright and understanding.

You and Your Heart, by H. M. Marvin, (Random 1950 \$3.50) "A clinic for laymen on the heart and circulation".

Your Body: How to Keep it Healthy, by J. W. Tebbel, (Harper 1951 \$2.95) Covers all of the major health problems.

There are many helpful books on chronic diseases - diabetes, arthritis, migraine headaches, etc. - what to do for the person who has them and how to prevent them. There are also a great many accounts of people who have made good in life in spite of the setback of disease or handicaps.

#### YOU WANT TO BE GOOD CITIZENS AND TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Exploring the Small Community, by O. G. Hoiberg, (University of Nebraska 1955 \$3.50) Simple, interestingly written and practical guide.

Going Into Politics: A Guide For The Citizen, by R. E. Merriam, (Harper 1957 \$2.50) Explains day-by-day operations of political parties and political action groups and discusses the volunteer work opportunities they provide.

Living Without Hate: Scientific Approaches to Human Relation, by A. J. Marrow (Harper 1951 \$3.50) Guide for communities in attacking problems of prejudice.

Guide to Community Action, by M. S. Matthews, (Harper 1954 \$4.00) A source book for citizen volunteers.

#### COMMUNITY AND HOME SHOULD BE PLACES FOR FUN

Calico Rounds, by Paul Hunt and Charlotte Underwood, (Harper 1955 \$2.50) "The round and folk dance teacher".

Family Fun and Activities, by M. E. Mulac, (Harper 1958 \$3.95) Generous supply of sound suggestions.

Fun With Your Child, by M. A. Mapes, (Howell, Soskin 1943 \$2.50) Handbook for parents on children's play needs.



Fireside Book of Favorite American Songs, comp. by Margaret Boni, (Simon 1952 \$5.00) Collection of 131 songs with simple arrangements.

Good Housekeeping Party Book, by the Good Housekeeping Institute, (Harper 1958 \$4.95) Encyclopedic guide to party giving including children's parties, picnics, barbecues, money-making affairs, benefit luncheons, etc.

Planning and Producing a Musical Show, by Lehman Engel, (Crown 1957 \$3.00) Helpful for little theater groups.

#### ENTERING THE WORLD OF MUSIC AND ART

Adventures in Watercolor Painting, by Paul Montgomery, (McGraw 1954 \$3.95) Beginners guide by a business man who has been an amateur painter for 12 years.

Building Your Record Library, ed. by R. H. Hoopes, (McGraw 1957 \$3.95) Advice to beginner on collecting a basic record library.

Dance to the Piper, by A. G. DeMille, (Little 1952 \$5.00) Autobiography that gives the layman a vivid idea of what it costs in time, money, moral courage and physical effort to become and remain a dancer.

The Rhythm of the Red Man, by J. M. Buttree, (Barnes 1930 \$5.00) Lays emphasis on rhythm expressed through song, dance and decoration.

Your Child and His Art, by Victor Lowenfeld, (Macmillan 1954 \$4.95) Guide for parents in helping child to creative activity.

Do you want to read about the life of a musician, an artist, an actor or dancer? A history of music, art or the theater? A guide to understanding of one of these arts? Some special phase? Or just any readable book relating to the subject? Or are you interested in a book that will help you draw or paint?

#### NEED HELP IN YOUR HOBBY?

Book of Indian Life Crafts, by O. E. Norbeck, (Association press 1958 \$5.95) Clear instructions for the making of articles that were necessary to the early-day lives of American Indians.

Complete Home Landscaping and Garden Guide, by R. P. Korbobo, (Wise 1952 \$3.95)

Fun For Young Collectors, by Joseph Leeming, (Lippincott 1953 \$2.95) An introduction to 32 collection projects with information on sources for finds and on making cases for effective display.

Handicrafts and Hobbies For Pleasure and Profit, by Marguerite Ickis, (Greystone 1948 \$3.95) Information about more than 300 handicrafts and hobbies.

The Pet Parade, by Leila Roosevelt and William Wesley (Harper 1954) Choosing pets, caring for and enjoying them. Includes both wild and domestic animals.

Photography With Basic Cameras, by W. P. Gottlieb (Knopf 1953 \$1.50) Very simple guidebook for the owner of a fixed focus camera.

The titles listed above do not even begin to suggest the countless number of books which have been written about hobbies. Many hobby books can be found in this list under subjects other than this one. In addition, we have books on jewelry making, color photography, flower arrangement, hooked rugs, weaving, puppets -- to mention only a few. Doubtless your local library has books on at least some of these subjects as well as others.

#### POSSIBLY YOUR FAMILY LOVES LIFE-OUT-OF-DOORS

Byways of Adventure: A guide to nature hobbies, by E. W. Teale (Dodd 1942) Includes bird watching, astronomy, tree study, microscopy, fossil hunting, etc.

Guide to Good Hunting and Trapping, by G. O. Godfrey (Popular Mechanics 1955 \$3.00)

The Indian Tipi, by Reginald and Gladys Laubin (University of Oklahoma 1958 \$3.95) Its history, construction and use.

Outdoor Encyclopedia, by Theodore Kesting (Barnes 1957 \$7.50) Resume for the family of where to go, what to do and how to enjoy the outdoor world.

Northwest Gem Trails, by H. C. Dake (Simpson 1956 \$2.00) Field guide for the gem hunter, the mineral collector and tourist.

#### DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT NATURE AROUND YOU?

Exploring American Caves: A spelunker's guide, by Franklin Folsom (Crown 1956 \$5.00) History, geology, lore and location of caves.

Natural History of Western Trees, by D. C. Peattie (Houghton 1953 \$6.00) Describes history, range, properties of the woods, leaf, flower, fruit, bark and uses of over 200 kinds of western trees.

On the Trail of Vanishing Birds, by R. P. Allen (McGraw 1957 \$4.50) Author tells of search for the Whooping Crane, the Flamingo and the Spoonbill -- birds which have almost disappeared from America.

Rocks and Their Stories, by C. L. Fenton (Doubleday 1951 \$2.75) For young people and others interested in making a rock collection.

Swift in the Night, by W. B. Mowery (Coward-McCann 1957 \$3.75) Personal experiences that reflect a woodsman's love of the out-of-doors combined with a naturalist's delight in observing creatures of the wild.

There are many books that tell "about" nature -- about its animals, birds, rocks, mountains, trees and flowers -- and there are also many books that tell of the experiences of others who have loved nature. If you want the latter kind of book ask for reminiscences by naturalists or by people who have lived close to the out-of-doors.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CONSERVATION OF NATURE'S RESOURCES?

Boxcar In the Sand, by L. I. Hewes, (Knopf 1957 \$4.75) Autobiography in which the author tells about government jobs he has held in Mexico, Japan and the United States stressing the importance of soil conservation and reclamation.

Gifford Pinchot: The Man Who Saved the Forests, by Dale White (Marion Place) (Messner 1957 \$2.95) Biography for young people by a Montana author.

Heaven's Table Land: The Dust Bowl Story, by Vance Johnson (Farrar, Straus 1947) History of the Dust Bowl of the Southwest and the conditions and attitudes that periodically create it.

Our Wildlife Legacy, by D. L. Allen (Funk 1954 \$5.00) Account of what is happening to America's great natural resources.

## THROUGH BOOKS YOU CAN TRAVEL TO FAR LANDS

American in Italy, by Herbert Kubley (Simon 1955 \$4.50) Chatty, anecdotal account of the author's fourteen-month sojourn in Italy and Sicily.

Family At Sea by John Caldwell (Little 1956 \$4.50) Rollicking account of a journey taken by the author and his family from Los Angeles to Australia in a 36 foot ketch.

Rivers Ran East, by L. F. Clark (Funk 1953 \$5.00) Description of jungles, savage people, animals, insects and plants met during a trip into the Peruvian Andes with one companion and on \$1,000.00.

Seven Years in Tibet, by Heinrich Harrer (Dutton 1954 \$5.00) Strange and wonderful account of a strange and wonderful land.

A Texan in England, by J. F. Dobie (Little, 1945 \$4.00) Light, pleasing and informative chronicle by a well-known Western writer.

Do you like your travel books to deal with exciting adventures?  
Or do you prefer accounts of "leisurely" travel that describe the countryside and tell a little about the customs of the people? Are you interested in some particular country? And, if so, do you want a "travel" book for recreational reading, or a book about economic, social and political conditions for a talk or club paper?

## THROUGH BOOKS YOU CAN TAKE A VACATION ON THIS CONTINENT

Birthplace of the Winds, by Ted Banks (Crowell 1956 \$4.50) Vivid picture of exploration in the wild Aleutians.

Beatty's Cabin: Adventures in the Pecos High Country, by E. S. Barker (University of New Mexico 1955 \$3.50) Author has visited the country as hunter, vacationer, forest ranger and game warden.

Dust On My Heart, by Neill James (Scribner 1946 \$3.00) Vigorous, vivid descriptions of adventures in Mexico.

My Friends, The Huskies, by Robert Dovers (Farrar 1957 \$3.95) Dogs, penguins, Antarctic snow and ice, violent blizzards and brilliant polar skies.

Still the Most Exciting Country, by William Attwood (Knopf 1955 \$2.75) Report of a trip across the United States taken after author spends 9 years abroad.

#### THROUGH BOOKS YOU CAN LEARN ABOUT OTHER FAMILYS' EXPERIENCES

Belles On Their Toes, by F. B. Gilbreth (Crowell 1950 \$3.50) A mother's valiant struggle to educate her eleven children after the death of her husband. Sequel to Cheaper By The Dozen.

Desert Wife, by Hilda Faunce (Little 1934) Author's experiences during a wagon trip from Oregon to the Southwest followed by lonely years as a trader's wife among the Navajo Indians.

The Dog Who Wouldn't Be, by Farley Mowat (Little 1957 \$3.95) Story of a boy and his dog, his parents, neighbors and friends on the high dry plains of Saskatchewan in Canada.

I Married A Hunter, by Marjorie Michael (Putnam 1957 \$3.95) Life as the wife of a professional big game and animal photographer in South Africa.

My Home On The Range, by M. W. Kennedy (Little 1951 \$5.00) Married life on a 120,000 acre ranch in Arizona.

Three Came Home, by A. N. Keith (Little 1947 \$5.00) Inspiring story of the life of a woman, her husband and their small son in a Japanese concentration camp during the Second World War.

#### BOOKS CAN BRING YOU NEW FRIENDS

Backwoods Teacher, by Nelson Joseph (Lippincott 1949) Quietly satisfying book of the experiences of the author and his wife during the time he was teaching school at Big Piney in the Ozarks.

Black Elk Speaks, by Black Elk (Morrow 1932) In this "life story of a Holy Man of the Ogalala Sioux" the reader sees life and death, war and religion through Black Elk's eyes, recorded faithfully by the poet John G. Neihardt.

Elinor of Aquitaine and the Four Kings, by A. R. Kelly (Harvard University 1950) Vigorous, historically accurate and colorful biography of the time of the Second Crusade.

Fanfare: The Confessions Of A Press Agent, by Richard Maney (Harper 1957 \$4.95) Stimulating and amusing autobiography of a theatrical press agent who spent part of his boyhood in Chinook, Montana.

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My Several Worlds: A Personal Record, by Pearl Buck (Day 1954 \$3.00) Rambling but thoroughly delightful autobiography which deals with the author's life in various surroundings but stresses her early years in China where her parents were missionaries.

Story of Ernie Pyle, by L. G. Miller (Viking 1950 \$3.95) Sympathetic biography that reveals the World War II reporter as a thoroughly human and colorful character.

There are no limits to the number and variety of friends that you can find through biographies and autobiographies -- books in which the author tells about the life of another or books in which the author tells about himself. Through books of fiction, also, you can find a wealth of friends. We have not listed fiction books here simply because we think people are more aware of them than they are of books of non-fiction.

#### BOOKS CAN ORIENT YOU TO YOUR HERITAGE FROM THE PAST

Big Change: America Transforms Itself 1900-1950, by F. L. Allen (Harper 1952 \$3.50) Very readable history of America's more recent past.

Cheyenne Autumn, by Mari Sandoz (McGraw 1953 \$4.50) Saga of the 1873 journey of a band of Cheyenne Indians from Indian territory where they had been sent by the American Army to their native haunts in the Yellowstone Valley.

Emergence of Lincoln, by Allan Nevins (Scribner 1950 \$12.50) Both highly readable and scholarly. In two volumes.

Gods, Graves and Scholars: The story of archaeology, by K. W. Marek (Knopf 1951 \$5.75) Popular history of archaeological discoveries made in Pompeii and Troy, Crete, Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia, Sumeria and Yucatan.

Are you looking for a "straight" history book or do you like to get your history through the lives of those who have lived in the past -- in biographies. Do you like to relive the days of the Old World and so gain an understanding of the present or do you like to read about the history of our own country or state or about more recent times in other countries? There are many books for all these interests. Historical fiction will also help you to know and understand the past. If you like to get your history that way ask for fiction with a historical background and tell us what country or what period interests you.

#### BOOKS CAN HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE NEW WORLD OF SCIENCE

The Earth We Live On, by R. E. Moore (Knopf 1956 \$6.00) The story of geological discovery stressing the dramatic role played by the scientist.

The Making Of A Moon, by A. C. Clarke (Harper 1957 \$3.50) Account of Project Vanguard, the United States earth satellite program.

Modern Science And Modern Man, by J. B. Conant (Columbia University 1952 \$2.25) Discussion of the impact of modern science on the average enlightened citizen.

Miracle Drugs And The New Age Of Medicine, by Fred Reinfeld (Sterling 1957 \$3.95)

Many books have been published lately on the fascinating new discoveries in science that are being made every day and on man's relation to them.

#### BOOKS CAN PROVIDE KEYS TO THE MEANING OF LIFE

Gift From The Sea, by Anne Lindbergh (Pantheon Press 1955 \$2.75) Reflections on the author's search for a meaningful way of living.

One God: The Ways We Worship Him, by F. Fitch (Lothrop 1944 \$3.00) For children of eight and up or for parents who want help in answering children's questions.

Will To Believe, by M. L. Bach (Prentice-Hall 1955 \$3.95) A lucid, simply written book about the power of "belief".

#### SOME BOOKS SHOULD BE READ ALOUD IN FAMILY GROUPS

...And Now Miguel, by Joseph Krungold (Crowell 1955 \$3.00) Story of Miguel's secret wish to go with the men of his family when they take the sheep to graze in the Sangre de Cristo mountains of New Mexico.

Calico Bush, by Rachel Field (Macmillan 1931 \$3.75) Exciting tale of adventure in colonial Maine.

The Five Hundred Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins, by T. S. Geisel (Vanguard \$2.50) "Winkilbus, Tinkilbus, Fotichee, Klay. Hat on this demon's head flew far away" But there was still a hat on Bartholomew's head.

Journey Cake, by Isabel McMeekin (Messner 1942 \$2.75) A vivid well-written story in which big courageous Juba, a freed colored woman, shepherding a young family of six motherless children journeyed forth along the Wilderness road until she could turn them over to the father who went on ahead.

Just So Stories, by Rudyard Kipling (Doubleday \$2.50) High-sounding words in nonsense tales explain how the camel got his hump, the elephant his trunk and the leopard his spots.

Justin Morgan Had a Horse, by Marguerite Henry (Rand McNally 1954 \$2.50) Warm, appealing story about a small-sized horse that nobody wanted and that grows up to become the father of the famous family of Morgan horses.

Lentil, by Robert McCloskey (Viking 1940 \$3.50) About a boy who could not sing but who could play a harmonica.

Once Upon A Time, by Rose Dobbs (Random 1950 \$2.25) Twenty cheerful folk tales.

Peterkin Papers, by Lucretia Hale (Houghton \$3.00) Absurd dilemmas of the impractical Peterkin family which make very human and delightful reading.

Silver Pennies, comp. by J. B. Thompson (Macmillan 1925 \$2.32) A fine selection of modern poems for boys and girls.









